(b) what funds have been allocated for this purpose by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The details of railway projects likely to be under construction during the next three years and , thereafter, and the funds allocated against each of them are given in the Pink Book which forms a part of the Railway Budget documents.

Increase in Rail accidents

31. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable increase in rail accident during the last one year, in comparison to the previous two years;

(b) what has been the estimated loss of life and property in each case; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to minimise rail accidents; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of persons who lost their lives in train accidents during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 214, 267 and 216 respectively. Loss to railway property on account of these accidents during these years was Rs. 11.45 crores, Rs. 16.40 crores and Rs. 11.09 crores respectively.

(c) Some of the steps taken to prevent accidents are as under:—

(i) Greater emphasis upon rehabilitation of rolling stock, including passenger coaches.

(ii) Increased pace of track renewals,

(iii) Induction of sophisticated technology to supplement human vigliance viz., auxiliary warning system, axle counter, etc.

(iv) Ultrasonic testing of axles and rails.

(v) Modernisation of workshops to improve the quality of repairs and maintenance.

(vi) Greater emphasis on training, refresher courses, etc. to safety categories of staff viz. drivers, station masters/assistant station masters, guards, switchmen and cabinmen etc. Loco simulators being procured to improve the training of drivers.

(vii) Revamping of training systems, methods and procedures, etc. through use of modern teaching aids like slide projectors, practical demonstrations, etc.

Supply of F-16 by U.S.A. to Pakistan

32. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S.A. has since agreed to supply F-16 fighter aircrafts to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what would be its impact on Indo-US and Indo-Pak relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of earlier United States supplies of F-16s to Pakistan, and has noted with concern Pakisan's request for 60 additional F-16 aircraft. The United States Government is yet to take a decision on the request. It would be premature to comment on the impact that such a development could have on Indo-US, and Indo-Pak relations.

Jammu Tawi-Udhampur rail-link

33. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) when the foundation stone for the